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Socorro Thiruvazhikal Gondlikk Pottu
Socorro Parish Pastoral Bulletin

*Happy Feast
of the Assumption Our
Blessed Mother Mary
&
Happy Independence
Day*



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AUGUST 2025

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY



AGNELO CARIDADE LOBO

VADDEM

Three years without you, Daddy—yet your presence still fills our hearts.

It feels as though you are still with us, laughing at our little moments of silliness,
offering comfort when life feels heavy.

Your warmth, your wisdom, and your unwavering love are woven into every part of who we are.
Remembering your smile gives us the strength to face each day with courage and hope.

You never sat us down to teach us how to live—but
you lived so beautifully that every moment became a lesson, every act of kindness a quiet inspiration.
Even now, we can almost see you—sitting in your chair,
patiently listening, always ready to help anyone in need.

"A Tree's Beauty lies in its Branches, but its Strength lies in its Roots."

No storm could shake you.

You stood firm, meeting life's challenges with resilience, endurance, and grace.

Your strength is now the foundation of our family, rooted deep within us.

We promise to honor the values you instilled, carrying them forward with love.

On August 15, 2022, an angel came and took you away.

The pain of losing you never fades; there will always be a silent tear, an ache that words can't soothe.

But the love you gave us, the memories we hold so dearly
they will remain forever, lighting the way through the days ahead.

Though you are no longer with us in body, your love, your spirit,
and your endless strength continue to guide us.

You are forever in our hearts.

"Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.

I am following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard His call,

I turned my back and left it all."

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of Our Beloved
Mr. Agnelo Caridade Lobo on 14th August 2025, at 08:30 am
at Our Lady Of Succour Church, Socorro
Offered by his sorrowful wife Mrs. Ditosa Lobo, Sons,
Daughter-in-laws & Grandchildren.
Followed by prayers and blessings at the grave.

PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORS AT YOUR SERVICE:-

Fr. Antonio Lourenco Fernandes:-	Parish Priest- 9822687171
Fr. Walter de Sa :-	Chaplain of Our Lady of Candelaria Chapel Porvorim-9822150868
Fr. Urbino Monteiro:-	Priest at Home- 9637439390

OTHER STAFF AT YOUR SERVICE:-

Senita Ivie Dias:-	Secretary- 9158094570
Augustinho Magalhaes:-	Sacristan- 9822597492

OFFICE TIMINGS:-

Monday to Friday:-	09:30am — 12:30pm
Saturday & Sunday:-	Office Closed

MASS TIMINGS:-

Church:-	
Saturday:-	06:00 pm Anticipated Mass of Sunday (English)
Sunday:-	07:00am Konkani — 09:00am English
Week Days:-	07:00am
Wednesday:-	06:00pm
Catechism for Children:-	08:00am — 09:00am — Mass
PPC Meeting:-	1st Sunday of the Month at 10:00am
Catechism Meeting:-	2nd Sunday of the Month
Youth Meeting:-	3rd Sunday of the Month
SSVP	4th Sunday of the Month & Collection

Candelaria Chapel Porvorim:-

Saturday:-	06:00 pm Anticipated Mass of Sunday (English)
Sunday:-	07:00am Konkani — 08:30am Konkani
Catechism:-	09:30am
Week Days:-	07:00am

Remedios Chapel Vaddem:-

Sunday:-	07:00am
Week Days:-	07:00am

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QUEENSHIP OF MARY

Last month we spoke of Mary as Mother of the Church. Generally, The Mother of a King is a Queen. Hence Mary the Mother of Christ the King who is seated at the right hand of God becomes a Queen. Mary is our Heavenly Queen. In the Book of Revelations, we have a mysterious vision in which it appears “A Woman clothed with a Sun, with the Moon under her feet and on her head a Crown of Twelve Stars”.



At Mary's Annunciation, the Angel Gabriel addressed her “Hail Mary”. The word Hail is generally used when addressing Kings and Emperors. This address connects Mary to her Queenship.

The Fifth Glorious Mystery is the Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven. The feast day of her Queenship was officially placed in the Church's Calendar in 1954 by Pope Pius XII, eight days after she was assumed into Heaven, a Dogma of the Church. Earlier the Feast of Mary's Queenship was celebrated on 31st May but later changed to 22nd August showing the link between the two celebrations: Mary's Assumption and Mary's Queenship.

Mary's son Jesus Christ rules the world with a fatherly love and to give mankind a feminine touch, Mary Our Queen Mother is there interceding with her King Son on behalf of his subjects, which is all of us on earth.

Mary joins us in our worship of the Greater One, the Triune God to whom she is Holy Daughter, Holy Mother, Holy Spouse and Holy Queen.

We the faithful must turn to her with childlike faith and trust, recognising her as our Loving Mother, our Protector, our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope.

Mrs. Violet Fernandes

SAINT JOHN MARIE VIANNEY – PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS FEAST DAY – AUGUST 4TH

“If people would do for God what they would do for the world what a great number of Christians would go to heaven.”

This is a famous quote by St John Marie Vianney, a French Catholic priest who was often referred to as the Cure d' Ars (the parish priest of Ars, a remote village in France).

St John Vianney was born on 8th May, 1786, in Dardilly in France. His full name was Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney.

The Vianney family were devout followers of the Catholic faith and helped the needy. The family lived through the times of the French Revolution and its turbulence marked St Vianney's childhood. By 1790, the anti-clerical terror phase of the French Revolution forced many loyal priests to hide from the regime in order to carry out the sacraments in their parish. Even though the Holy Mass had been banned, the Vianneys travelled to distant farms to attend mass celebrated by priests who were on the run.

Realising that such priests risked their lives day by day, Vianney began to look upon them as heroes. He received his first Communion at the age of 13 in a neighbour's kitchen. During Mass, the windows were covered so that the light of the candles would not be seen from outside.

Young Vianney was poor in studies, struggling in Latin which was an essential requirement for his priestly studies then. But the authorities admitted him due to his good behaviour. After some delay and because of his steadfast refusal to give up, Vianney was finally ordained to the priesthood in 1815 at the age of 29. His bishop cautiously sent him to a small and out-of-the-way village of Ars-en-Dombes where he thought Fr Vianney would cause the least amount of harm.

Once he got to his small church in Ars, Fr Vianney threw himself completely into his parish ministry. It did not take too long for the people of Ars to become inspired by his great faith and his dedicated pastoral care. Word of this priest's spiritual insights and sensitivity

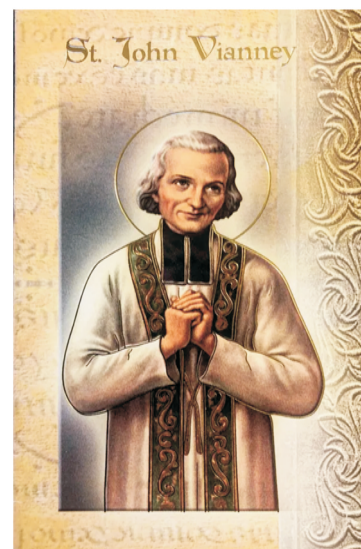
began to spread outside of Ars. Soon people from all over France began to travel to see him. Each day hundreds of people would wait in long lines to have Fr Vianney hear their confessions and to receive this unassuming priest's spiritual advice and encouragement.

Inspired by the Mass during his childhood, Fr Vianney clearly witnessed in his life that what happened at the altar at Mass gives purpose, meaning and direction to our human existence. As a priest, he taught his people, “Holy Communion and Holy Sacrifice of the Mass” are the two most efficacious actions to obtain the conversion of hearts.

During the last 10 years of his life, he spent 16 to 18 hours a day in the confessional. Pilgrims came to listen to his preaching and receive absolution of their sins. He remained in Ars until his death at the age of 73.

Fr Vianney died on 4th August, 1859. On 3rd October, 1874, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him Venerable and on 8th January, 1905, Pope Pius X declared him Blessed. In 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized him and later, in 1929, declared him the patron saint of parish priests.

St Vianney also leaves us with another famous quote on the importance of priests: “Leave a parish without a priest there will be no mass, no Blessed Sacrament, no God and no religion”.



By Joan Pereira, Maina

*Wishing Fr. Antonio
Lourenco Fernandes
a very Happy Feast of
St. John Vianney, the
Patron Saint of Parish
Priests.*

ST. MONICA & ST. AUGUSTINE

This month of August we remember two great saints – St. Monica and her son St. Augustine. We celebrate their feast days on 27th and 28th August respectively.

St. Monica is the patron saint of mothers, difficult marriages, and disappointing children. Her life was full of faith, perseverance, sacrifice and unwavering trust in God.

Monica was born in a Christian family in Northern coast of Africa in Algeria in a town called Tagaste (Tunisia). She was raised strictly in Christian faith and values. She was inspired by the stories of Christian martyrs narrated by her grandmother. Monica spent hours in the church.

Although there were Christians in Africa, pagan manners and customs were still largely followed. When Monica was 22 years old, she was married to Patricius who was a pagan and almost twice her age. He lived with his mother who had strong passions like him. She was utterly jealous of Monica. The slaves tried to please her by telling false stories about Monica. This caused Monica great suffering. Nevertheless she loved the poor and would even wash and dress their sores. Monica spoke little, preached not at all, loved much and prayed unceasingly.

Monica was blessed with 3 children – Augustine, Navigius and Perpetua. In those days it was the custom to put off baptism of children till they grew up and felt the need to be baptized. So Augustine was not baptized. Monica had no say in this. But as soon as Augustine learned to speak, Monica taught him about the faith and to recite small prayers. The seeds of faith planted early, would sprout later in his life. His father was more interested in his son's education and career. Augustine was least interested in studies. So his father enrolled him in a school in a nearby town Madaura. It was the most pagan cities of Africa. Augustine grew up influenced by pagan culture and worldly pleasures, lust and pride. Meanwhile Monica prayed unceasingly to the Heavenly Father to watch over her son and keep him from evil.

Monica's mother-in-law was getting older and found her health diminishing and needed help. Monica would secretly help her whenever needed. This kindness and love touched the old woman's heart. She repented of all her past behavior. She later asked to be baptized and died a Christian. One by one the slaves too repented and were baptized. Patricius was slowly opening up to the beauty of spiritual things. Monica redoubled her prayers and love for him. As a result he asked to be baptized and he too died as a Christian.

After his father's death Augustine's education and stay in Carthage were all taken care of by Romanianus his father's friend. Monica worked in one of the church's hospital along with other widows. She took care of the sick with compassion. Besides, she taught the orphans, clothed the naked, fed the hungry and helped the poor.

At Carthage Augustine excelled in Rhetoric, geometry, music and whatever science he took up. He was very intelligent & taught rhetoric in a school in Carthage. He was not happy as the students were rowdy and pleasure seeking. Augustine was already in search of truth. As a result he followed different pagan sects like the Manicheans who were strongly against the church. His mother was shattered & requested St. Ambrose to speak to her son. But he replied to her — “It is impossible for a son of such tears should perish.” Augustine was not happy to teach in Carthage so he decided to go to Rome. Rome in those days indulged in pagan culture and was against Christianity. She feared even more for his soul. But yet he deceived her & went to Rome. He was unhappy there too. He travelled to Milan & taught rhetoric as a professor. It was there that he met Bishop Ambrose. Bishop was an orator and was explaining the doctrines of the church in his sermons. Augustine loved to listen to him. His eyes opened to the truth of the Church. But he was not ready to give up his worldly pleasures. His prayer was 'Lord make me chaste. But not yet.' Augustine came across many holy people & heard the stories of the lives of saints like St. Anthony etc.

Good & evil struggled in his soul. It seemed to him then that he saw a long procession across the garden. There were young, adults & the elder men & women who happened to look at him with contempt saying to him “We have fought and conquered. We now serve the Lord.” Augustine threw himself on the ground & wept asking God to help him. Suddenly he heard a child's voice say to him “Tolle lege.” (Take Read).

He opened the Sacred Scriptures which read “Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ & make not provision for the flesh & the concupiscence thereof.” Light, strength, conviction flowed into his soul. He decided to give up all his sinful ways & follow Jesus. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose on an Easter Sunday. Finally, he was at peace & so was his mother, “Our hearts are restless Lord until they rest in you.” Monica found her mission complete & went to meet the Lord & was buried in Ostia, where her sacred relics were found later & carried to the Church of St. Augustine in Rome. Augustine became a great bishop and doctor of the Church. Today the world needs many St. Monica's, to bring back to the Lord wayward children. The Lord is the same yesterday, today & forever.

Ruby Vaz

SPLASH OF JOY, SPIRIT OF FAITH THE SAN JOÃO CELEBRATION AT OUR LADY OF SUCCOUR CHURCH

The courtyard of Our Lady of Succour Church was filled with colour, music, and joyful spirit as the Catechetical Association organized a lively The San João celebration on Sunday, 29th June 2025. Although the feast of St. John the Baptist falls on 24th June, this year's celebration was held on the following Sunday to coincide with the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, making the theme "Splash of Joy, Spirit of Faith" all the more meaningful — blending festive cheer with deep-rooted faith.

The event began at 10:00 a.m. with a short, inspiring skit presented by the catechism students, the skit focused on the lives of St. John the Baptist, St. Peter and St. Paul, sending out a powerful message of faith, courage, and mission.

A major highlight of the morning was the Kopel Competition, where many Catechism children came adorned with beautiful handmade floral crowns. Six outstanding entries were awarded prizes, and a special prize was given to John Paul for his uniquely creative kopel.

The celebration was further enlivened by the popular Konkani tiatrists, Tony de Ribandar and Ramson Cardoso, whose energetic songs delighted the crowd. Ramson, a talented member of the parish, was warmly appreciated for his performance. The musical momentum continued with Aldy, the parish's very own one-man band, who had everyone dancing to his foot-tapping beats.

Compering the event with great enthusiasm was Mr. John Rebello, who kept the entire programme engaging and lively with his cheerful presence and smooth coordination.

Parishioners also enjoyed a refreshing rain dance, a vibrant fruit counter, and delicious pav bhaji — all served complimentary. Throughout the celebration, there were fun games, spot prizes, and various activities for all age groups, making it a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone present. It was a pleasant sight to see the children's and the tiny tots enjoying the rain dance throughout the event

In his closing message, Rev. Fr. Lourenco thanked the parishioners, participants, and volunteers for their wholehearted support and presence, which made the event a resounding success.

Indeed, San João 2025 at Our Lady of Succour Church was a joyful blend of faith, tradition, and community — a day filled with laughter, music, and the shared spirit of celebration.

Mathew Estrocio, PPC Member

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



On August 15th, the Church joyfully celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption is considered as one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. On November 1st, 1950, Pope Pius XII, defined the Assumption as a dogma, stating that Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven."

Mother Mary had a significant role in the history of salvation. She was conceived without sin, she humbly accepted God's will and remained faithful to the will of God throughout her life. Her Assumption is a sign of

hope for all of us—that we too are called to an eternal life with God.

Henceforth, as we contemplate on the 4th Glorious Mystery, "The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven", let us remind ourselves of God's faithfulness to those who trust in Him. Also let it be an inspiration to all of us to live a holy and pure life, following Mary's example of humility and obedience. As we honor Mother Mary on this great day let us seek her intercession, that we too may persevere in faith and one day join her in praising God forever in Heaven.

Prayer:

Dearest Mother, assumed into Heaven, you are the Immaculate Conception, the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we honor your glorious Assumption into Heaven, please pray for us, your children. We entrust ourselves, our families, our Church and the entire World to your motherly care and intercession. Mary assumed into Heaven, pray for us.

Marline Fernandes, Maina

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THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In loving and cherished memory of



MARCELO FERNANDES

SOCORRO - PORVORIM

*A cherished memory of you, a gift from above.
Your presence, a melody that still plays in our hearts,
Though we're apart, in our thoughts, you're a part.*

*Though you've journeyed beyond this earthly plain,
Your essence remains, in joy and in pain,
We are in the ache of your absence,
Yet, in the eternal realm, We'll reunite.*

*For now, you reside in the echoes of the past,
A love that forever and always will last,
In remembrance, vivid and true,
You're alive in our hearts until we meet again.*

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our
beloved **MARCELO FERNANDES** on **19th AUGUST 2025**
at **8.30 am** at **Our Lady of Soccor Church, Socorro**
followed by prayers and blessings at the grave.

Offered by his sorrowful wife **Cynthia**,
daughter **Melanie** and family.

Family, Friends & Neighbours kindly accept this as only intimation.

Sao Joao Celebration



MINUTES OF THE SOCORRO PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2025

The Socorro Parish Pastoral Council meeting was held on 6th July 2025 at 10:00 am in the Church Hall, in the presence of our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Lourenco Fernandes. 26 members were present for the meeting.

Introductory proceedings: Mr. Neville Fernandes acknowledged the presence of everyone and warmly welcomed the new PPC member Mr. Savio De Souza, Fabrica Attorney. The meeting began with a prayer lead by Mrs. Socoriana Vaz from Vaddem-5 Somudai.

Reading of the minutes: The Secretary read out the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st June 2025, which were subsequently put forth for approval. Fr. Lourenco Fernandes proposed the passing of the minutes and Mrs. Agneta Tavares seconded the same.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Church Census and Directory Proposal

The data collected from the census forms will be compiled and shared with the PPC members to verify and ensure that no member's names are missing. It was proposed to create a Church Directory that includes the name of the head of each family and their contact number. This directory will be published for the benefit of the parish community. It was also suggested to collect advertisements from all shops and business outlets within the parish of Socorro, to be included in the directory. This initiative aims to help parishioners connect with one another and support local businesses. The proposal was discussed and approved by all present. Message from the Auxiliary Bishop will also be printed.

2. Sacrament of Confirmation

Everyone appreciated the arrangements made for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fr. stated that everything went well, and 58 children were confirmed by our Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Simao Purificação Fernandes. A member brought to our attention that the celebration of the Mass was not telecast on the screen, only the hymns were displayed on the screen. Fr. explained that the recently installed camera in the church is currently not functioning, which affected the display of the mass. Fr. thanked the member for bringing it to his notice and assured that the necessary repairs will be carried out promptly.

3. Parish Picnic Update

As discussed during the last PPC meeting, Fr. asked suggestions from

the members regarding the suitable date for the PPC picnic. After considering convenience of the members, it has been decided to hold the picnic in the last week of August. All members present agreed. A confirmed date will be shortly informed.

4. Catechism classes

Fr. informed that catechism classes have commenced. He is happy with the response of children and many new enrolments this year.

5. Sunday mass allotments

Fr. has noticed that only a handful of members from each somudai come to do the cleaning of the church on the appointed date. Fr. has made a request to the somudai representative to bring more members from their respective somudai to do the church cleaning and to help with the necessary arrangements.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

1. Rice Festival

The Rice Festival has been scheduled on 17th August, starting from 10:00 am onwards. Fr. mentioned that the main purpose of organizing this event is to promote Unity and Togetherness. As suggested last year during the PPC meeting for the month of September, that each somudai to keep in charge to bring food items. This year the suggestion was put up in the meeting and all members present agreed to support the initiative. Somudai members took the responsibility of bringing cooked items.

Goan delicacies & beverages prepared by the Somudais, shall be available for sale. Goan rice plate will be sold at a fixed rate @ ₹150 per plate. The event will feature live music and performances. Mr. Sabby Almeida has warmly volunteered to train the youngsters and organise the entertainment segment. Fr. said that he will write a short skit, to be presented by the children. In addition, there will be a cultural programme, Rice Dish Competition, Fancy Dress Competition (open to all age groups), spot prizes and much more fun.

Each somudai representative volunteered to sponsor the following

ITEMS

4 big handis of 'Vonn' – Ambirna-2, Carrem-2, Vaddem-3 & 6
Patoleo – Vaddem-5 & Porvorim-8
Pudde – Arrarim-2 & Porvorim-6
Sanna – Zoswaddo
Pinagr – Ambirna-1 & Porvorim-3.

Samareachi Koddi – Sponsored by Parish Priest

Melgor – Vaddem-4 & Maina

Bhaji – Vaddem-1 & Prabhu Residency

Fish fry & Pickle – Porvorim-5 & 7

Kheer – Carrem-1

Mr. Melwin Faleiro will sponsor rice.

Ricewill be cooked by Carrem-2, Ambirna-1, Maina, Porvorim-3 & Zoswaddo.

(5 kgs per each somudai)

Fr. has requested that the message of the Rice Festival, be shared within each Somudai, encouraging everyone to participate and support the event.

A.O.B

1. PPC Meeting Schedule

Fr. has clearly informed all members that PPC meetings in all parishes are held on the first Sunday of every month. In case of any change in the schedule, members will be informed in advance. He has also requested everyone to avoid making any personal commitments on the first Sunday of the month to ensure their availability for the meeting.

2. Mass at Vaddem Chapel

Members of Vaddem have requested Father to celebrate Holy Mass once a month at the Vaddem Chapel. To this Fr. readily accepted their request and assured that he will schedule it and inform the members accordingly.

3. Women's Cell Training Initiative

Neville, our PPC Moderator, conveyed a message from the Diocesan Women's Commission requesting the nomination of five women from our parish to undergo training and orientation programme. This initiative aims to strengthen the Parish Women's Cells.

In response, Fr. shared that a few months ago, he had planned to start a Social Cell, to assist our youth undergoing various problems in life. The Social Cell was to start in collaboration with the neighbouring parishes of Bastora and Ucassaim. Fr. personally visited these parishes, but due to lack of response and support, the initiative has been put on hold.

Fr. further stated that any woman from the parish who is interested in attending the Women's Cell training are most welcome to attend.

Meeting ended with the final prayer and blessings by Fr. Lourenco.

Secretary

RICE FESTIVAL 2025

Come join us in celebrating culture, flavors and traditions.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date: 17th August **Time:** 10:00 AM onwards

Venue: Our Lady of Succour Church Courtyard

STALLS

➤ **Goan Rice Delicacies**

Enjoy a variety of traditional Goan rice delicacies, including: Pattoleo, Sanna, Pudde / Donne, Shirvoo, Pinarg

➤ **Breakfast Menu**

Apple with chutney & sambhar, Idli with chutney & sambar, Sanna, Tea

➤ **Goan Dessert**

Vonn

➤ **Goan Rice Plate**

Relish a complete traditional meal: Boiled rice, Samareachi Koddi, Malgor, Bhaji, Fried Fish, Pickle & Rice kheer

Just ₹150/- only

ENTERTAINMENT

➤ **Live Music**

➤ **Cultural Programme**(Vaddo-wise dance performances)
"BEST PERFORMANCE VADDO AWARD"— based on quality of performance, costume, overall presentation & participation of all age groups (young to elderly).

➤ **Spot Prizes**

COMPETITIONS (Open to All Ages)

➤ **Rice Dish Competition**

Prepare your rice-based dish at home and bring it for display at the start of the programme.

Judging criteria: Taste, Presentation and Rice must be the Main Ingredient.

➤ **Fancy Dress Competition**(Open to All Ages - **Sub Junior** 6 and below, **Juniors** 7 to 14, **Seniors** 15 and above)

Judging criteria: Costume, Presentation and Speech.

REPORT OF THE CATECHIST MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY 2025

The catechist meeting was held on 12th July 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Church premises, in the presence of our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Lourenco Fernandes.

Catechists Mercy, Dorothy, Joycee, Escolastica, Angela, Myrtle, Bernadette, Reia, and Della were present for the meeting. The meeting commenced with a prayer led by catechist Mercy.

Reading of the minutes

The Secretary read out the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th June, 2025, which were subsequently put forth for approval. Catechist Mercy proposed the passing of the minutes and Catechist Angela seconded the same.

Matters arising from the Minutes

1. The São João celebration was well-organised and greatly appreciated by Father. There was enthusiastic participation from both children and parishioners. Catechism children took part in the Kopel competition and the skit written by Fr. Lourenco on the life of St. John the Baptist and SS. Peter and Paul, was well-enacted by our youngsters and catechism children with perfect costumes. Performance by the singers, feet tapping music and the compere made the event lively. Everyone present – young and old, enjoyed the rain dance. The fruits and bhaji served was relished by all.

2. A concern was raised regarding the allotment of place for catechism children during the 9am Mass.

Father instructed to reserve the front aisle seats for the catechism children which would be clearly indicated with a 'RESERVED' sign.

Matters To Be Discussed

1. Grandparent's Day programme

'Grandparent's Day' celebration is scheduled on 27th July 2025 in our parish. We have received names of over 90 grandparents who are keen on attending. A thanksgiving Mass shall be celebrated at 9:00 am followed by a short programme in the church hall.

For the 9:00 am mass, front benches will be kept reserved for grandparents. The programmes shall be presented by our catechism children which will include cake cutting, dance, songs, mando, a skit and spot prizes. Group teachers shall be in charge of their respective

group performances.

2. Rice festival

The annual Rice Festival shall be held on 17th August 2025 to bring together all parishioners. There will be stalls with rice-based delicacies prepared by each Somudai.

Catechism children will be advised to bring selected rice items for sale. A cultural programme shall feature performances by each vaddo, with participation from all age groups. There will also be a fancy dress and rice dish competition.

Conclusion:

- It was observed that children were reaching late for mass. Therefore, it was decided to ring the bell at 8:45 a.m. to conclude the catechism class. Catechist Escolastica volunteered to take the responsibility of ringing the bell.
- A cake cutting celebration was held and birthday song was sung to wish catechist Della who celebrated her birthday on 1st of June.
- The meeting concluded with the final blessing by the Parish Priest.

Secretary

AITARACHEA MISANCHI MANDDAVOLL

02-08-2025	6:00 pm	Anticipated Mass (English)
03-08-25	7:00am	Konkani Mass Vaddem1
	9:00am	English Mass Catechism Children
09-08-2025	6:00pm	Anticipated Mass (English)
10-08-25	7:00 am	Konkani Mass-Vaddem2
	9:00 am	English Mass- Catechism Children
16-08-25	6:00 pm	Anticipated Mass (English)
17-08-25	7:00 am	Konkani Mass-Vaddem3
	9:00 am	English Mass-Post Confirmation Group Children
23-08-25	6:00 pm	Anticipated Mass (English)
24-08-25	7:00 am	Konkani Mass - SSVP
	9:00 am	English Mass- Catechism Children
30-08-25	6:00 pm	Anticipated Mass (English)
31-08-25	7:00 am	Konkani Mass- VADDEM 4
	9:00 am	English Mass- Catechism Children

MHOINEACHI KARIAVOLL**1st July 2025 – 05th August 2025**

Date	Day	Masses	Time
01-08-2025	Sukrar	S/o Marie Felis Fernandes-Maina	07:00 am
02-08-2025	Sonvar	S/o Julia Barreto-Porvorim	07:00 am
		Anticipated Mass	06:00 pm
03-08-2025	Aitar	KONKANI MASS	07:00 am
		ENGLISH MASS	09:00 am
04-08-2025	Somar	S/o Raphael Fernandes-Maina	07:00 am
05-08-2025	Munglar	All souls in Purgatory-Maina-	
		Off by Rosa Coelho	07:00 am
06-08-2025	Budvar	S/o Cosme & Eulalia Fernandes-	
		Ambirna	06:00 pm
07-08-2025	Brestar	S/o Francis & Zeferino Fernandes-	
		Ambirna	07:00 am
08-08-2025	Sukrar	Dhinv Mis SuccurSaibinn -Maina-	
		Off by Rosa Coelho	07:00 am
09-08-2025	Sonvar	Departed souls of Barreto &	
		Pereira Family -Porvorim -	
		Off by Peter Barreto	07:00 am
		Month's Mind of Celina	
		Christine Coelho	08.30 am
		Anticipated Mass	06:00 pm
10-08-2025	Aitar	KONKANI MASS	07:00 am
		ENGLISH MASS	09:00 am
11-08-2025	Somar	S/o Ria Monteiro-Nagpur	07:00 am
12-08-2025	Munglar	All souls in Purgatory-Ambirna-	
		Off by Steve	07:00 am
13-08-2025	Budvar	S/o Lazaro De Souza-Porvorim	06:00 pm
14-08-2025	Brestar	S/o Clyde Nazareth- Carrem	07:00 am
		3rd Death Anniversary of Agnelo	
		Caridade Lobo-Vaddem	08.30 am
15-08-2025	Sukrar	The Feast of the Assumption of the	
		Blessed Virgin Mary	07:00 am
16-08-2025	Sonvar	S/o Peter Marcus Vaz	07:00 am
		3rd Death Anniversary of	
		Filomena D'souza -Vaddem	08:30 am
		Anticipated Mass	06:00 pm
17-08-2025	Aitar	KONKANI MASS	07:00 am
		ENGLISH MASS	09:00 am

18-08-2025	Somar	S/o Julia Barreto-Porvorim	07:00 am
19-08-2025	Munglar	S/o Caetano Philip Rodrigues	
		(Luis)-Arrarim	07:00 am
		3rd Death Anniversary of	
		Marcelo Sergio Fernandes-	
		Porvorim	08.30 am
		Month's Mind of Luis Assumption	
		Fernandes-Ambirna-2	05:00 pm
20-08-2025	Budvar	S/o Hilary Caitan Fernandes-	
		Ambrina-1	06.00 pm
21-08-2025	Brestar	Dhinv. Mis for Good Health -	
		Ambirna- Off by Steve	07:00 am
22-08-2025	Sukrar	S/o Rufina Dias-Carrem	07:00 am
23-08-2025	Sonvar	2nd Death Anniversary of	
		Manuel Tavares-Ambirna	07:00 am
		Anticipated Mass	06:00 pm
24-08-2025	Aitar	KONKANI MASS	07:00 am
		ENGLISH MASS	09:00 am
25-08-2025	Somar	S/o Minguel Gonsalves	07:00 am
26-08-2025	Munglar	All Departed Souls of Campos Family-	
		Ambirna 2-Off by Antonette	07:00 am
27-08-2025	Budvar	Consecration Day	
		(Sacred Heart of Jesus)- Ambirna 1-	
		Off by Steve Fernades	06:00 pm
28-08-2025	Brestar	Dhinv. Mis Prakash Jadav-Maina	07:00 am
29-08-2025	Sukrar	Intension of Our Lady of	
		Vailankani-Maina-Off by Romana	07:00 am
30-08-2025	Sonvar	S/o Julia Barreto-Porvorim	07:00 am
		Anticipated Mass	06:00 pm
31-08-2025	Aitar	KONKANI MASS	07:00 am
		ENGLISH MASS	09:00 am
01-09-2025	Somar	2nd Death Anniversary of	
		Juliana Vaz-Maina	07:00 am
02-09-2025	Munglar	S/o Damien Fernandes-Vaddem	07:00 am
03-09-2025	Budvar	S/o Albina Godinho-Zoswaddo	06:00 pm
04-09-2025	Brestar	S/o Melvin Dias-Zoswaddo	07:00 am
		1st Death Anniversary of	
		Romaldina Filomena Vaz D'souza	08.30 am
05-09-2025	Sukrar	S/o of Romaldina Filomena Vaz	
		D'souza	07:00 am

OUR LADY OF SUCCOUR CHURCH

Presents

10:00 AM

17 AUG
2025

RICE FESTIVAL



LIVE MUSIC

FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION

RICE DISH
COMPETITION

SPOT PRIZES

CULTURAL
PROGRAMME

GOAN RICE
PLATE

GOAN RICE DELICACIES

PATTOLEO, SANNA, PUDDE / DONNE SHIRVOEO,
APPE/IDL, PINARG, VONN

OUR LADY OF SUCCOUR CHURCH, SOCORRO COURTYARD

Happy Pastors day



Fr. Antonio Lourenco Fernandes

*May the Lord continue to bless you with good health,
strength and peace as you serve in his vineyard.*

*Thank you for your dedicated and tireless service to
our parish .*